

WILLIAM HARVEY I (abt. 1510-1567)

"To Turner Harvey was born about 1510 a son who was named William. He resided in Somersetshire and was appointed 18 June, 1536, Blue-mantle Pursuivant in-ordinary-a major official of the Herald's College. In this capacity he accompanied his patron, William Paget, on his embassy to France. About 1545 he was appointed by Henry VIII to the office of Somersetshire Herald which had just been created by the King.

"4 Feb., 1550, William Harvey was appointed by Edward VI, Norray King-of-Arms, and while holding this office he paid seven official visits to Germany. 7 June, 1557, Queen Mary deputed him to go to France to declare war; and 21 Nov., 1557, he was appointed by the Queen Clarencieux King-of-Arms - the duties of which office he performed until his death. This occurred in Oxfordshire 17 Feb., 1567 in the reign of Queen Elizabeth. He was survived by several children, one of whom was William Harvey, born in Somersetshire about 1560.

"This last mentioned William was residing in 1630 in Bridgwater, Somersetshire, England." ¹

Whatever else might be had concerning William has been included in the story of his son, William (7-16).



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